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SUBJECT: ALLEGED DETENTION OF ECUADOREAN CREW ON GRAN COLOMBIA SHIP

- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMALLY APPROACHED BY TWO HIGH-RANKING OFFICIALS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ECUADOREAN CREW MEMBERS ON A GRAN COLOMBIA SHIP WHICH RECENTLY DISEMBARKED IN FLORIDA. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE REPORTED THAT THE ECUADOREAN CREW MEMBERS WERE CONFINED TO THEIR SHIP (NAME UNKNOWN) IN A FLORIDA PORT AFTER U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS HAD DISCOVERED SEVERAL UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS ABOARD. MEMBERS OF THE CREW HAVE COMPLAINED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THIS WAS UNFAIR TREATMENT, THAT THEY ACTUALLY COOPERATED WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS IN APPREHENDING SEVERAL STOWAWAYS ON BOARD BOAT, AND THAT THEY WERE SIMPLY UNAWARE OF THE REMAINING TWO STOWAWAYS.
- 2. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF COUNTRY OFFICER FOR ECUADOR WOULD QUERY INS RE THE ABOVE MATTER, SO THAT THE EMBASSY COULD INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE REALIZE THE DETAILS ARE A BITY FRAGMENTARY, BUT THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION THE FOREIGN MINISTRY COULD PROVIDE. BLOOMFIELD

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